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DEPT PLEASE PASS INFO US SOC SEC ADM DIV OF INTRNTL OPS BALTO MD

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SUBJ: TREASURY CHECKS: SSA, VA, CS, RR AND MISC
RE: STATE 191628, 170483, 166831, NICOSIA 2114, 2818 (NOTAL)
ATHENS 6229, 6427

1. DESPITE OUR REPEATED ATTEMPTS (REFTELS) TO LOCATE CHECKS AND TO HAVE THEM FORWARDED TO CYPRUS, THEY DID NOT ARRIVE ON SUNDAY SEPT 8 MAC FLIGHT FROM INCIRLIK TO AKROTIRI.

2. APPROXIMATELY 850 BENEFICIARIES IN CYPRUS HAVE RECEIVED NEITHER AUGUST NOR SEPTEMBER CHECKS AND SITUATION DESPARATE. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE REFUGEES WHO TOOK NOTHING FROM THEIR HOMES WHEN THEY FLED. THEY ARE NOW DESPARATE FOR THEIR MONEY. EACH DAY EMB IS RECEIVING INCREASING NUMBER OF INQUIRIES. LOCAL NEWSPAPER HAS PRINTED AN OPEN LETTER TO SEN KENNEDY CRITICAL OF USG FOR FAILURE TO SEND CHECKS. SEVERAL BENEFICIARIES REPORTED TO EMB THAT BECAUSE OF NON-RECEIPT OF CHECKS, THEY ARE LIVING OUTSIDE WITH NO SHELTER OR FOOD.

EMBASSY GIVE $50 SUBSISTANCE LOAN TO ONE ELDERLY DIABETIC MAN WHOSE ONLY INCOME IS HIS DISABILITY CHECK. HE HAD BEEN SLEEPING IN THE FIELDS.

3. TO DEAL WITH THIS SERIOUS SITUATION WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:
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A. DEPT SHOULD AUTHORIZE POST IMMEDIATELY TO GRANT SUBSISTANCE LOANS TO BENEFICIARIES WHO ENQUIRE FOR CHECKS AT EMBASSY.

B. DEPT ATTEMPT TO LOCATE CHECKS AND SEND THEM TO CYPRUS THIS WEEK BY SPECIAL PLANE.

C. DEPT OBTAIN FROM CSC, VA, AND SSA LISTS GIVING NAMES AND MONTHLY AMOUNTS DUE TO ALL BENEFICIARIES INCYPRUS. LISTS SHOULD BE CABLED IMMEDIATELY TO NICOSIA AND WE WILL ADVANCE CASH PAYMENTS IN CYPRUS POUNDS TO BENEFICIARIES. WHEN CHECKS FINALLY ARRIVE, WE WILL HAVE BENEFICIARIES ENDORSE THEM OVER TO US.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. CRAWOFORD

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SSA BALTIMORE.

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